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In re Application of  
Gerd BRANDHORST et al.

Serial No. 09/368,505

Group Art Unit 3754

Filed: August 5, 1999

Examiner: Philippe DERAKSHANI

For: DEVICE FOR EMPTYING A FILM TUBE

**REPLY**

Hon. Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated November 30, 2001,  
please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please amend Claims 6-10, 14-16, 18, 20, 22, 25, 27, and  
34-38 as follows (an Appendix is attached hereto containing  
underlining to show the changes made by this amendment only  
with the remainder of the claims not being underlined):

21 --6. (Amended) A method of emptying a film tube which  
contains a substance to be dispensed using the device of Claim  
1, comprising inserting said film tube in said cylindrical  
housing between said piston and said cap and exerting pressure  
on said piston.